

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-8-103

WHEREAS, Linn County, the City of Cedar Rapids and the Cedar Rapids Community School District have designed a high-speed, redundant fiber optic network, known as the Joint Communications Network, and

WHEREAS, current network bandwidth requirements are not being met by local service providers in a cost effective manner that allow for continuous day and night service, and

WHEREAS, the Joint Communications Network will provide the community with improved E-911 service and a geographically diverse network which provides continuous day and night service, and

WHEREAS, in June, 2008, Linn County and the City of Cedar Rapids experienced flooding of a magnitude not before seen in the State of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the flood, many services including E911 and public safety communications were interrupted for a significant length of time, and

WHEREAS, when the Joint Communications Network is finished, a communications system with built-in redundancy will be in place that will provide critical communications paths in time of need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, this date met in lawful session, that pursuant to Senate File 376, Linn County, Iowa, hereby submits an application to the Iowa Jobs Board for financial assistance for a Local Infrastructure Competitive Grant for the purpose of constructing a joint communications network

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that it is respectfully submitted the residents of Linn County will benefit by the construction of a joint communications network which will provide for faster communication through the connection over 150 sites, and for better emergency route control through the connection of over 230 traffic signal intersections.

Dated at Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa, this 3rd day of August, 2009.

LINN COUNTY, IOWA

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CHAIRPERSON

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NAY: 1
ABSTAIN: 0

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Supervisor

Supervisor

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ATTEST:

Joel D. Miller by Debra Shoop,
JOEL D. MILLER, County Auditor &
Secretary for the Board of Supervisors *Deputy*

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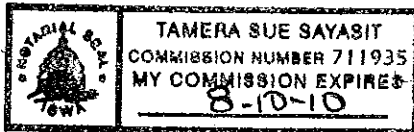
COUNTY OF LINN)

I, Joel D. Miller, County Auditor of Linn County, Iowa, and Secretary for the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the said Board, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 3 aye, 1 nay and 0 abstained from voting.

Joel D. Miller by Rebecca Shoop
JOEL D. MILLER Deputy

Subscribed and sworn to me by the aforesaid on this 3rd day of August, 2009.

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RESOLUTION NO. 0247-03-08

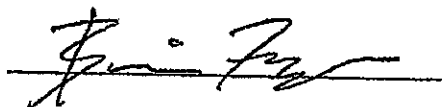
WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Rapids entered into a Revised 28E Agreement with Linn County and the Cedar Rapids Community School District relating to the construction, maintenance and operation of a Joint Fiber Optics Communication Network that is part of the Traffic Signal Fiber Optic Interconnect Upgrade—Phase 1 Project, per Resolution No. 1301-09-06, and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has been amended to include additional phases of construction and provisions to allow participation by other entities, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, that the City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said Addendum to the Revised 28E Agreement.

Passed this 26th day of March, 2008.

Voting: Council member Wieneke moved the adoption of the resolution; seconded by Council member Gulick. Adopted, Ayes, Council members Gulick, McGrane, Podzimek, Shey, Shields, Vernon, Wieneke and Mayor Pro-Tempore Fagan.

 , Mayor Pro-Tempore

Attest:

 , City Clerk

REPLY TO:

- ☐ 135 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1501
(202) 224-3744
e-mail: grassley.senate.gov/contact.cfm
- ☐ 721 FEDERAL BUILDING
210 WALNUT STREET
DES MOINES, IA 50309-2140
(515) 288-1145
- ☐ 150 1ST AVENUE NE
SUITE 325
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401
(319) 363-6832

United States Senate

CHARLES E. GRASSLEY

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1501

April 7, 2009

REPLY TO:

- ☐ 103 FEDERAL COURTHOUSE BUILDING
320 6TH STREET
SIOUX CITY, IA 51101-1244
(712) 233-1860
- ☐ 210 WATERLOO BUILDING
531 COMMERCIAL STREET
WATERLOO, IA 50701-5497
(319) 232-6657
- ☐ 131 WEST 3RD STREET
SUITE 180
DAVENPORT, IA 52801-1419
(563) 322-4331
- ☐ 307 FEDERAL BUILDING
8 SOUTH 6TH STREET
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51501-4204
(712) 322-7103


Mr. Bill Carr
Chief Information Officer
City of Cedar Rapids
3851 River Ridge Drive NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Dear Mr. Carr:

I have contacted the U.S Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, Denver Regional Office, expressing my support for the proposal submitted by the City of Cedar Rapids for a Joint Communications Network under the Supplemental Appropriations Disaster Relief Opportunity. I asked that it be given all due consideration. When I receive a response from the Economic Development Administration, I will relay the necessary information to you.

Thank you for allowing me to be of assistance to you. If you have any further questions regarding this, or any other federal matter, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

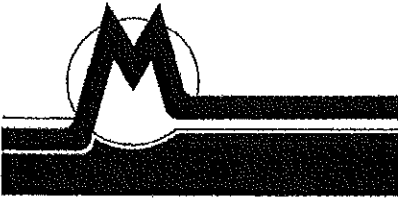
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RANKING MEMBER,
FINANCE

Committee Assignments:

BUDGET
JUDICIARY
AGRICULTURE

CO-CHAIRMAN,
INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
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July 27, 2009

Iowa Finance Authority
Attn: Joseph Jones
2015 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312

Re: Linn County JCN Application

Dear Mr. Jones,

Please consider this a letter of support for the joint communications project submitted by Linn County for consideration as an IJobs project. Communications are a vital part of any disaster response, and the lessons learned after the flood of 2008 demonstrated inherent weaknesses in the current system. Completing this network will facilitate communications for all the public entities involved in disaster response, and remove additional layers of diffused responsibility by placing it entirely in public sector hands. Marion supports this project.

Sincerely,

Lon Pluckhahn
City Manager



August 3, 2009

Iowa Finance Authority
Attn: Joseph Jones
2015 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312

Dear Joseph:

I write to you today on behalf of the Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in support of local projects for the IJOBS program.

Cedar Rapids, as you know from your visits and tour, was hit with a community changing disaster in June of 2008. We continue to forge ahead in the rebuilding process and to grow our economy to the vibrant, urban center we were pre disaster. This has not been easy.

There are a number of community projects being submitted to you for consideration. These projects come from Linn County, the City of Cedar Rapids and non profits in our area. It will not be easy to select the most needed as we are a community in need of resources that go beyond the availability of government funding. However, it is essential that we maximize the awards to this area to get us on the path to recovery and give our citizens the jobs and quality of life that brought them to Cedar Rapids.

Please consider this letter in support of the community projects that best meet the criteria and scoring of the IJOBS Board while considering our community priorities of business redevelopment, housing and infrastructure.

I am available for questions if you need to contact me. Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Meyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Shannon Meyer
President & CEO
Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

August 3, 2009

Iowa Finance Authority
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Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing in support of the City of Cedar Rapids Information Technology Department's request for \$10,148,319 to build a fiber optics communications network for the City of Cedar Rapids, Linn County and the Cedar Rapids Community School District to connect 157 sites, plus 239 traffic signal intersections in the metro area. This fiber network will also benefit other non-profit organizations including multiple E911 dispatch centers, Public Safety, Emergency Management, Kirkwood College, Iowa DOT, and the statewide educational network.

It is always a long-term goal in any community for governmental and quasi-governmental agencies achieve efficiencies through collaboration. This is a strong example, and one that will have a lasting, positive impact.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Baldwin
President/CEO
The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation